

Newsletter
March 2021
Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover



Easter Wishes: As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation. Term 2 has been very different to the one we had hoped for. It has been a time of distance learning and learning new skills. Well done to each and every one of you for all that you have achieved. Wishing you all a very safe, happy and enjoyable Easter break.

Cáisc Shona daoibh go léir.

Easter Closure Staggered Collection: On **Friday March 26th** we have a half day. The collection arrangements are as follows:

- **Pat's Bus:** 11.45 am
- **Mick's Bus:** 11.50 am
- **Infants & siblings:** 11.55 am
- **1st/2nd & siblings:** 12.00 pm
- **3rd/4th & siblings:** 12.05 pm
- **5th/6th:** 12.10 pm

School will re-open on **Monday April 12th** from 8.50am.

Daffodil Day: The daffodils in our school garden were picked this week by the children in 5th/6th class. We are selling the daffodils at school drop off in bunches of 5 for a suggested donation of €2 each. All proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society. Many thanks for all your support for this very worthy cause.

Emily's Wicked Walk: This event is to raise funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust and the Aplastic Anemia Trust in memory of Emily O'Reilly, who sadly passed away in December 2020. It has been organised by Emily's family and friends. As Emily is a past pupil of Mount Hanover it would be great if people could support it. Go Fund Link: <https://gofund.me/c6d4bc05>

School Photo Competition: Thank you to everyone for all the fantastic entries into the school photo competition. The winners are as follows:

Infants: Ellie Weldon & Emily Keane

1st/2nd: Saoirse Curran & Sadhbh Kirwan

3rd/4th: Madisyn Crosby & Maisie Flood

5th/6th: Rocky Gogan & Cian Byrne

Junior Entrepreneur Programme: Best of luck to our 5th & 6th class children and their teacher, Ms Clayton as they embark on the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. This is a programme which gives the children an opportunity to experience real life business learning as part of their education.

A reminder of the 2020/2021 School Calendar:

Easter Break 2021: Closing Friday March 26th 2021. Re-opening on Monday April 12th 2021.

May Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 3rd May 2021.

June Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 7th June 2021.

Summer Holidays 2021: Closing on Tuesday 22nd June 2021.

A copy of the calendar may be viewed on our news school website under the "School Updates" tab: www.mounthanoversns.ie

School Website: I am delighted to announce that on Friday March 26th, our new school website will be launched. This website has been designed and built by a past pupil, Bernard McWeeney. I hope that you all find it informative and easy to use. The website may be found here:

www.mounthanoversns.ie

Standardised Testing: We will be carrying out standardised testing in English and Maths in Term 3. The children from 1st - 6th class will partake in these tests. The children in Senior Infants will complete the MIST (Middle Infants Screening Test).

Roof works:

The Board of Management is pleased to inform you that we have secured funding under the Summer Works Scheme for the necessary works on the flat roof section of the existing school building. The funding also includes provision for insulation improvements to the supporting walls. This is a very welcome announcement and we look forward to getting the work completed during the summer break. Thank you to all the Board members (past and present) who have worked extremely hard to secure this funding.

Back to School Form: Many thanks for your cooperation in completing the Back to School declaration forms prior to your child's return this past month. As stated in the Department of Education guidelines, this form will need to be completed again prior to your child's return to school after the Easter break. It will be sent onto you via text message and Class Dojo on **Sunday April 11th 2021.**

Digital Technologies: A new Promethean Panel has been installed in the 1st/2nd classroom to great excitement!! This panel is fully interactive with greater visibility and features for use in the classroom.

Wool Works: Wool Works in Drogheda is providing a service where they will alter children's tracksuit bottoms into shorts. This is ideal for those school tracksuit bottoms that the children have outgrown. You can find out more details on their Facebook page.